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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Herbert E. Hetu
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to the Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Appearance on Face the Nation

1. I thought you might be interested in knowing that we received 19 letters from the public concerning your appearance on Face the Nation, which we believe to be the largest number that a DCI has received after a television appearance. All were favorable.

2. Attached are copies and a summary of the remarks contained in the letters.

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Herbert E. Hetu

Attachment:
as stated

*Do we answer these?
" " send transcripts as
requested?*

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"I wish to compliment you on a very fine performance on Face the Nation. This country is fortunate to have a cadre of men like you to lead and I wish you the best in the future."

"I wish to congratulate you on your excellent--and very gentlemanly, yet, within the frame of necessary restrictions--instructive replies to the searching questions of the panel."

"You restore our confidence that the CIA will protect our nation's security. There are still some men of intelligence and diplomacy sharp enough to face the Fred Graham types on TV. Wonderful."

"I watched you on Face the Nation and am pleased to have you as head of the CIA. It's nice to have someone in there who doesn't think that the way to defend America is by giving aid and comfort to the enemy."

"I liked your appearance on Face the Nation.... I am an old Army Air Force man but am glad you are at the helm."

"Yours was a most refreshing and assuring report. The affairs of this Nation must be guarded from without, as well as from within, and not run under the glaring inquiry of a most inquisitive and uniformed press whose only interest is, 'it made news.' Thank God men like you are willing to stand up and be heard!"

"After only ten days in office, I want to congratulate you.... One would not fear your divulging things CIA after listening to your excellent answers."

"I would like to commend you for your appearance on Face the Nation."

"It was indeed gratifying to have listened to you last Sunday on the Face the Nation TV Program."

"Thank you for your invaluable service in this job you are handling. Very glad to have seen and heard you on Face the Nation."

"I believe the interviews of the various officials are educational for the public."

"I am proud of being an American and have only the greatest respect for you Sir.... I am sure as long as our nation continues to produce leaders of your stature and devotion to safety and peace for Americans we will continue to be a great people."

"My wife and I were very pleased with the manner in which you handled yourself recently on CBS."